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1. In connection with an unusual number of recent promotions to high rank in the Soviet armed forces,

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2. Marshall Zhukov has been appointed Vice Minister of Defense with the mission to revise and coordinate Soviet war plans.

3. The principal supporting arguments presented are that post-Stalin reorientation of the Soviet Union must affect its defense structure; therefore, war plans must be revised. Marshall Zhukov's Europe-wide command experience makes him the logical person to do this job and his present position is the ideal place to do it. The recent promotions are consistent with the creation of new commands and the possible organization of a large subordinate planning headquarters.

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